



Guide to the Final Four

Gateway contributors sound off on the Final Four of March Madness

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Impeachment fails; senators overdraw fund

MARK REAGAN
STAFF WRITER

The Student Senate met for three hours on March 26 to allocate money, consider the impeachment of a senator and conduct a handful of appointments within Student Government.

The senate approved more than \$2,000 in spending with two resolutions.

The first resolution spent \$1,750 on membership with the Student Savings Club, which arranges student discounts with Omaha-area businesses.

The second resolution OK'd \$340 to purchase 300 highlighters to be handed out during Durango Days, Welcome Week and other Student Government functions to raise the organization's visibility.

With the passing of the two resolutions, Student Government exhausted its contingency fund, the money earmarked during the student fee allocation process for the organization's discretionary expenses. The organization's reserve fund will "blow over and cover the red," said Executive Treasurer Shari Tangeman.

In other legislative action, the senators approved corrections to Student Government's constitution, including a provision regarding impeachment proceedings that would require a trial before the Student Court if an impeached official requests one.

"All changes made are clear, concise and clears up issues found in the Rules Committee," Sen. Jeffrey Johnson said.

A resolution sponsored by Sen. Nathan Kirkland sought to impeach Sen. Maya Doghman for failing to meet her duties as a senator.

Doghman failed to attend two senate sessions, a committee meeting and three weeks of office hours, due to an illness.

"On the first Sunday of February I woke up and couldn't speak," Doghman said. "I went to the doctor Monday morning at eight and I was told I had tonsillitis."

Doghman also was diagnosed with mono and was not allowed to go to work, school or extracurricular activities for a minimum of two weeks, she told the senators. In addition, because she didn't rest enough, she contracted pink eye and a head cold, she said.

"In previous years, people have been impeached because

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Miller, Frette step down from top positions in Mav athletics



Athletic Director David Miller stepped down Monday to accept a position at Upper Iowa University. Tom Frette, not pictured, senior associate athletic director, also stepped down. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

TAYLOR MULLER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After leading UNO into its first season in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the top two administrators of the Athletics Department announced they would step down to pursue other opportunities.

Athletic Director David Miller announced on Monday he would be leaving Omaha for a new position at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. Tom Frette, senior associate athletic director, also accepted a position as the coordinator of sports medicine at the Nebraska Orthopedic Hospital.

Miller came to UNO two years ago after shakeups and controversy in UNO's administration — including a

\$1 million annual shortfall in athletics — spurred resignations from Chancellor Nancy Belck and Athletic Director David Herbster.

"Miller comes to Upper Iowa with 20 years of progressively responsible athletic administration experience," said Upper Iowa University President Alan Walker in a statement.

Under Miller's guidance, UNO claimed six conference championships and had 13 teams advance to postseason play. The Maverick wrestling team also secured the NCAA Division II national title earlier this month.

"I was attracted to Upper Iowa after learning more about the leadership, direction and progressiveness of the university," Miller said in a statement. "Upper Iowa is an ascending

university. As the university grows, I am excited that the athletics department will be participating and benefiting as well."

Before coming to UNO, Miller served as the associate athletic director for Facilities, Operations and Programs at Southern Methodist University from 2000 to 2007.

Frette has served as the athletics department's No. 2 since May 2007. Previously, he had served as the Mavs' head athletic trainer.

"I was involved in athletic training, and there's been a piece of it that's been calling me back," Frette said. "The opportunity at the hospital has been in the works a long time, but just came together in the last few days."

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CAITRIN SHIRAZI

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The major candidates to be the city's next mayor participated in a debate moderated by Robert Nelson of the Omaha World-Herald last month.

The debate, hosted by the Young Professionals Council of Omaha, was held March 18 at the Durham Research Center at UNMC. The three major candidates — Hal Daub, Jim Suttle and Jim Vokal — were asked questions formulated from round-table meetings with various young professionals earlier this year.

The questions addressed important issues such as the recession, public transportation, the sewer separation project and "closed door decisions," such as the decision to build another stadium.

The candidates also addressed the crime and gun violence issues Omaha is facing.

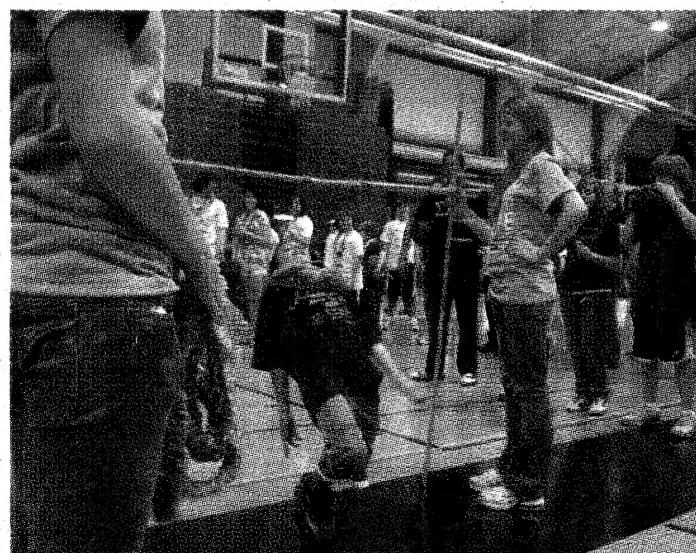
Daub, a former Republican mayor of Omaha and former member of Congress, said he believes violent crimes occur so often in the Omaha area because of a shortage of police officers, the metro's high dropout rate and the recession.

Daub said he has a seven-point, comprehensive crime plan to correct the crime and violence issues. His plan includes using federal racketeering laws against gangs, implementing zero-tolerance policies on graffiti and increasing the number of police officers on the streets.

Suttle, a Democratic member of the City Council, said to curb violence, the city must address the roots of the problems: lack of education and unemployment.

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Campus raises more than \$20,000 for cancer research

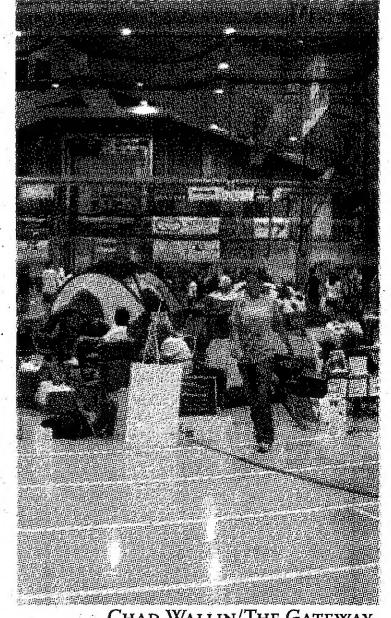


Many activities were offered during the Relay for Life event, including limbo, basketball and volleyball. (CHAD WALLIN/THE GATEWAY)

More than 250 students and other members of the campus community participated in the 3rd annual Relay for Life event on March 27 and March 28.

The participants walked around the Sapp Fieldhouse and took part in contests and other activities. Participants organized teams to seek sponsorship to raise money to help cancer research.

The event on UNO's campus was organized by Colleges Against Cancer, with proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society. In all, \$20,493 was raised for cancer research, said Bethany Ragan, president of Colleges Against Cancer.



- Scott Stewart

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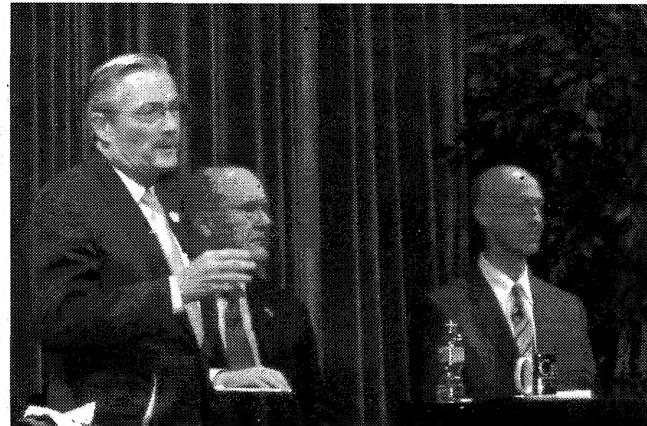
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New student fee proposed to support communication, fine arts activities

All students would pay \$5 per semester if implemented

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From left to right, Hal Daub, Jim Suttle and Jim Vokal debate on March 18 at UNMC. (CAITRIN SHIRAZI/THE GATEWAY)

FROM DEBATE: PAGE 1

"Bottom line, we will never get on top of this crime and gun violence unless we as a community are ready to address the unemployment, particularly on the north side," Suttle said. "That is what I will do as mayor, address that issue."

Vokal, a Republican member of the City Council, said the solution violent crime, which he called the No. 1 issue facing the community, was hiring more police officers.

"We are short, in my opinion, at least 100 officers on the street," Vokal said. "We have about 50 more that are paid for on the budget, but we need more officers on the street to do true community policing."

Vokal said police officers must be placed in "hot spots" to better control crime and violence throughout the city.

Video of the entire debate is available on Cox on Demand under "Mayoral Debate" as well as at the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Web site, omahachamber.org.

The April 7 primary will narrow the field to two candidates, with the citywide general election May 12.

FROM RESIGN: PAGE 1

As of Wednesday, no interim athletic director had been named. Chancellor John Christensen will chair a committee to find a replacement, utilizing input from the Athletics Department, committees and booster organizations.

"Filling this position quickly is important. Finding the right person for this job is important," Christensen said in a statement. "UNO has a tremendous reputation and athletic tradition. This university needs and wants the best."

Upper Iowa University has Iowa's only NCAA Division II athletics program and is a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

"It is important that we actively engage and reach out to the entire Upper Iowa community with a renewed emphasis on our former student-athletes," Miller said. "I am looking forward to visiting with our alumni and former student-athletes about the future of Peacock athletic."

Hockey coach Mike Kemp said Wednesday he had not been approached about the job, but would consider it if it was offered. He removed himself as a finalist two years ago, citing his desire to remain a coach.

The College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media is proposing a new student fee that, if implemented, would underwrite the costs of attending campus theatre productions, music performances and visual arts exhibitions, making access to cultural events more affordable for all students.

The proposed fee, called the Cultural Enrichment Fee, would work much like current general student fees used to fund free student tickets to Maverick athletic events.

Gail Baker, dean of the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media, said the miscellaneous fee would, as proposed, charge each student \$5 per semester.

"That's about the price of a grande cup of mocha," Baker said.

In exchange, by presenting their MavCards, all students would be able to attend many events for free.

Currently, theatre performance tickets are \$12 for students, or \$48 for the season. Most UNO ensemble concerts are \$4 for students. Other events vary in price, with some already free for students and the general public.

The fee idea originated among faculty members, Baker said. Though committed to providing students with a rich cultural and educational experience, they felt limited in what they currently provide.

"We would like to bring more artists and performers to UNO to further energize the campus," Baker said. "We would like to tell potential students and parents that UNO provides a broad metropolitan experience, which includes exposure to art and culture."

Besides broadening campus experiences for future students, the university hopes the enrichment fee will encourage current students to attend more events.

"It would absolutely improve

attendance," said Wade Robinson, associate vice chancellor of student affairs.

Senior Katie Sharp said she has only attended two cultural events within the last year.

With only one semester left until she graduates, Sharp said this fee would not increase her attendance, but she said she wouldn't mind having to pay.

"It's only \$5," Sharp said. "It's not a big deal."

Having experienced a few years at UNO, student Patrick Favara said he has only attended a handful of cultured campus events. Nevertheless, he said he fee would be a great way to enhance the college and would not mind paying for it.

"It's a splash in the bucket," Favara said.

However, some students oppose the fees because of its all-encompassing qualities.

Since students enrolled in the college are more likely to attend events, the Cultural Enrichment Fee might be considered an unfair charge, but Baker said the fee could also help students majoring in other fields or during their general studies courses.

"There would be many opportunities for collaboration across disciplines," Baker said. "History students might be asked to visit an art exhibit on World War II."

If implemented, the enrichment fee will be categorized as a miscellaneous student fee, rather than being a part of the University Programs and Facilities Fees, Robinson said. It would be administered by the university and the NU Board of Regents.

Regardless of its label, Baker said the goal behind the proposed fee is to give all students an opportunity for a "vibrant and full" college experience.

"This would be exciting for UNO and would further enhance our reputation as a thriving metropolitan institution," Baker said.

FOR THE RECORD

In the March 27 story "Obama lifts federal aid ban on stem cell research," UNMC research David Crouse's name was misspelled. The Gateway apologizes for the mistake.

CRIME LOG

COMPILED BY
SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

Friday, March 27

11:44 p.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot J. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. One student was referred for disciplinary action.

1:37 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security heard suspicious activity in Lot J. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. One student was arrested by Omaha police for driving under the influence.

Saturday, March 28

1:23 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot 10. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations and destruction of university property. Two students were referred for disciplinary action. One student was cited by Omaha police for destruction of property.

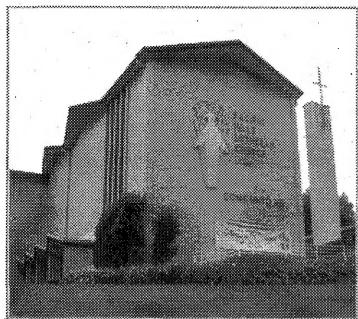
3:04 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot K. Further investigation disclosed alcohol and controlled substance violations. Omaha police were notified. Two students were cited for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. They were referred for disciplinary action.

3:24 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot G. Further investigation disclosed a student driving off the roadway. The suspect was referred for disciplinary action.

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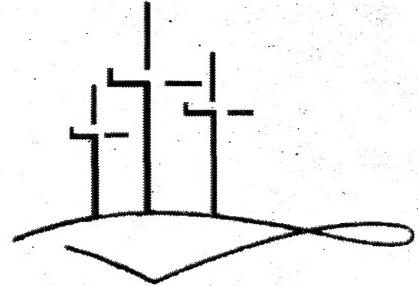
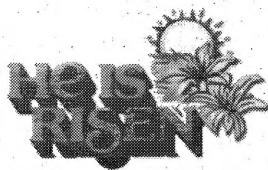


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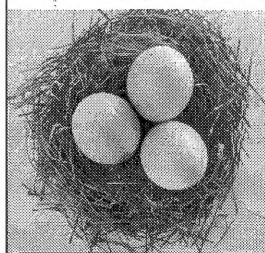
Saturday, April 11

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5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12

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NCAA FINAL FOUR PREDICTIONS

North Carolina still looking for first challenge in tournament

JESSE D KUHNLE | CONTRIBUTOR

Two No. 1 seeds, a No. 2 and a No. 3 have fought off Cinderellas and bracket busters to reach the ultimate destination: the Final Four. The journey has been full of blowouts

and buzzer beaters with the four teams remaining each having a valid shot at claiming the title. Here's how it will play out.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 (1) Connecticut vs. (2) Michigan State

Connecticut has played its recent tournament games with a cloud of alleged NCAA recruiting violations hanging over their heads, but that hasn't kept the Huskies from cruising into the Final Four. Hasheem Thabeet, the 7-foot-3-inch monster, is physically unlike any player the Spartans have played all year. Thabeet's mere presence in the lane changes an opposing team's game plan.

Tom Izzo and his Michigan State Spartans are in their fifth Final Four since 1999, the most of any team in the country. No team will be playing with more confidence than the Spartans, who are coming off a come from behind victory over Kansas in the Sweet Sixteen, and surprising domination of No. 1 overall seed Louisville in the Elite Eight.

Prediction: Michigan State 63, Connecticut 54

With confidence riding high, and a pseudo-home game 90 miles from East Lansing, I like Sparty.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 (1) North Carolina vs. (3) Villanova

With Scottie Reynolds' dramatic coast-to-coast bucket with half a second left on the clock in the Elite Eight match up against Pittsburgh, the Wildcats appear like a team of destiny. Villanova doesn't start a player taller than 6-foot-8 Dante Cunningham, but that doesn't mean the Wildcats are easily overpowered. The 23-point beatdown placed on Duke in the Sweet Sixteen shows just how dominating the Wildcat defense can be.

After an embarrassing 84-66 loss to Kansas in last year's Final Four, perennial All-American Tyler Hansbrough, 2008-09 ACC Player of the Year Ty Lawson, Wayne Ellington and Danny Green all return for another shot at a national championship. The Tar Heels completely overwhelmed Oklahoma in the Elite Eight and have not been seriously challenged in this year's tournament. After being humbled by Kansas last year, look for the leadership and depth of North Carolina to come up huge.

Prediction: North Carolina 84, Villanova 71

The Tar Heels can beat you too many ways. Hansbrough had just eight points and North Carolina still beat Oklahoma by 12.

MONDAY, APRIL 6 (1) North Carolina vs. (2) Michigan State

When then No. 1 North Carolina squared off against Michigan State at Ford Field earlier this season it was unlikely that anyone thought the game would be a preview of a possible national championship. North Carolina easily outclassed Michigan State, winning 98-63. Hansbrough dominated the game with 25 points and 11 rebounds. To be fair, it's important to point out that Michigan State played without Goran Suton, who proved just how much of an impact player he can be against Louisville.

Prediction: North Carolina 87, Michigan State 79.

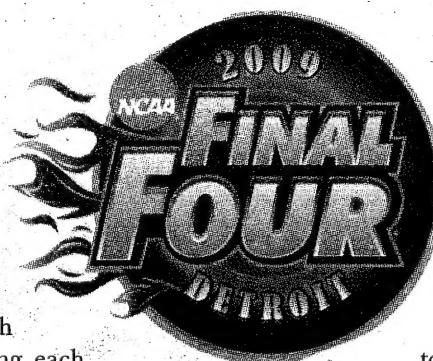
I would love to pick Michigan State, but North Carolina is too good. Throughout the tournament they have proven to be the best and deepest team in the country. The pick might be a little gutless, but it's hard to imagine any team other than the Tar Heels cutting down the net in Detroit.

SEMI-FINALS
2 Michigan State
April 4
6:07 pm ET
Detroit
1 Connecticut

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
April 6
9 pm ET
Detroit

SEMI-FINALS
Villanova 3
April 4
8:47 pm ET
Detroit
North Carolina 1

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Best teams remaining will provide high-quality Final Four

ZACH SEASTEDT | CONTRIBUTOR

After last year's NCAA tournament, in which all four regional No. 1 seeds reached the Final Four, I had full confidence that parity would find its way back into our beloved March Madness this year. In fact, I had eight upsets penned for the first round alone, and I only had one No. 1 seed making the trip to Detroit.

Yet for the second year in a row, parity vanished like Madoff's assets and my bracket can be found still smoldering next to the driveway.

Every No. 1, 2 and 3 seed in each regional made it to the Sweet Sixteen, with Arizona being the lowest seed

at No. 12. And, they were promptly thrashed at the hands of No. 1 overall seed Louisville.

Frankly, this year's NCAA tournament has been boring so far, on par with watching a farmer train a duck to speak Spanish. Where did the upsets go? And why is this happening two years in a row?

But, as Cinderella's glass slipper crashes onto the floor for the second straight year, we can finally set our eyes on Detroit and the last three exciting basketball games of the season.

May the best team win, in six overtimes.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 (1) Connecticut vs. (2) Michigan State

The first game on the slate for Saturday should turn out to be the best one.

Connecticut has looked impressive so far in the tournament, winning their first two games by a combined 82 points. A.J. Price was named the West Region's most outstanding player, and his ability to drive to the bucket at any moment has helped scoring come easy for the Huskies so far.

The Spartans are led by guard Kalin Lucas and a strong supporting cast that plays great defense. The Big 10 regular-season champions only allowed 52 points to No. 1 seed Louisville.

This game is tough to call because both teams match up so well against each other. Saturday's contest features game-changing guards, dominating big men and great defenses.

If Michigan State's Goran Suton can continue his success of the last few games and match Connecticut's Hasheem Thabeet, the advantage of playing in the home state of Michigan should be enough to get Tom Izzo and the Spartans into the national championship game.

Prediction: Michigan State 66, Connecticut 61

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 (1) North Carolina vs. (3) Villanova

Villanova has quietly put together an impressive tournament run, including three double-digit victories.

But there's no stopping this North Carolina juggernaut.

Roy Williams' team is stacked and is as talented as his 2005 national-title team. Five players average double figures, with senior Tyler Hansbrough leading the team.

Unfortunately for Villanova, I don't see any way they can stop the multi-faceted attack of North Carolina. I don't see anything stopping Hansbrough and the Tar Heels from getting into the national title game.

Prediction: North Carolina 83, Villanova 76

MONDAY, APRIL 6 (1) North Carolina vs. (2) Michigan State

This title game has plenty of big names and tradition behind it, and the buzz in Ford Field for the hometown Spartans will turn this championship game into a supercharged slugfest.

Early game adrenaline will keep the young Spartans competitive throughout the first half, but North Carolina is simply too talented to let this game slip away.

If it's not Hansbrough, it's Ty Lawson. Or, maybe it's Wayne Ellington or Danny Green.

All of these players are capable of lifting their team when needed. It's the combination of playmakers that will give Williams his second national title in five years.

Prediction: North Carolina 70, Michigan State 63

Softball sweeps series from Wayne State, fights cold weather

MICHELLE BISHOP
SPORTS & PHOTOS EDITOR

After playing their first 25 games on the road, the 21st-ranked Maverick softball team finally got the chance to play its home-opener against Wayne State, on March 25.

UNO, which had a home series against Augustana on March 10 canceled due to inclement weather, took advantage of a temperate spring day at Claussen-Westgate Field to claim both games of a doubleheader with identical 2-1 scores.

In the first game, Wayne State jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first inning, but the Mavs tied the game in the second. Junior Jenna Dell led off with a single and then freshman Molly Feichtinger, who pinch ran for her, scored on a single by sophomore Lindsey Slocum.

Sophomore pitcher Beth Haley entered in the sixth inning with the score tied 1-1 and a runner on first. Haley ended the inning with the next batter and then blanked the Wildcats in the final three innings, allowing no hits.

Junior Kristi Meneely doubled to lead off the ninth and then advanced to second on Dell's sacrifice bunt. With one out, senior Amanda Bader grounded to the shortstop, allowing Meneely to score the game-winner as the throw went to first base. The game was UNO's fourth

extra-inning game in six contests.

"It was long but I figured we'd pull through," sophomore Ashley Lynch said. "[Head Coach Jeanne Scarrello] told us we needed to stay in there and keep swinging because our bats would come around, our defense was good."

Slocum allowed four hits and an unearned run through the first five and two-thirds innings. Haley pitched the final three and one-third innings to earn the win and improve to 7-3. In the second game, UNO grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second inning after Bader doubled and then scored on junior Julia Krejci's double.

Wayne State tied the game in the third off a leadoff home run, but junior Treightin Yates drove in the winning run for UNO in the fifth with a double to center field.

With the Mavs up 2-1 and runners on first and second, Haley entered as relief and allowed a single to load the bases. She coaxed the next batter to hit into a double play to end the sixth inning.

Two Wildcat runners reached base in the seventh inning, but another double play and then a strikeout ended the game to earn Haley her first save of the year. Junior Melissa Negrete improved to 8-2 with the win, striking out one and allowing five hits and no walks.



Kristi Meneely dives home to score the winning run in game one as Wayne State catcher Samantha Earleywine fields a wild throw. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Haley's performance in the circle earned her MIAA pitcher of the week honors for the second time this season. The Mavs are 22-5 and winners of eight of their last nine.

The Mavs were scheduled to open Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association play over the weekend with a series at both Pittsburg State and Missouri Southern but the games were canceled due to the cold and wet fields. The doubleheaders will be made up April 27 at Pittsburg State and April 28 at Missouri Southern.

UNO was also scheduled to play at Nebraska-Kearney on Tuesday, but once again, weather issues pushed the doubleheader to Wednesday. Results were unavailable at press time.

UNO is scheduled to host Emporia State today in a doubleheader at 2 p.m., and Washburn visits Saturday at 1 p.m. for a doubleheader.

Before the Wayne State games, UNO traveled to Orlando, Fla., to take part in the Rebel Spring Games. The Mavs finished the tournament 6-2.

UNO kicked off play with a 4-3 loss to Adelphi but bounced back to beat Southwest Minnesota State 1-0 in the second game.

The Mavs strung four more wins together, beating Minnesota Duluth 1-0, Southwest Minnesota State 4-3, Massachusetts-Lowell 3-2 in 10 innings and New Haven 2-1 in nine innings.

Dell knocked in the winning run in the top of the 10th against Massachusetts-Lowell, while Haley picked up the win after striking out nine.

Slocum struck out 16 batters in nine innings against New Haven, allowing just three hits, while Krejci drove in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth on a suicide squeeze.

UNO split a pair of games on the final day of the tournament. Playing extra innings for their third straight game, the Mavs dropped a 4-3 game in nine innings to Augustana but rebounded to crush Wayne State (Mich.) 8-0 in six innings.

"We're coming back from it pretty well. With our potential I think we can do real well if we play to our best," Lynch said.



Wayne State's Sarah Gottschalk unsuccessfully tries to tag UNO's Ashley Lynch as she steals second during game one of the doubleheader. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

STUDENT LEADER OF THE YEAR
2007-2008
Jennifer Piatt

Jennifer understands that being a difference maker requires vision, passion, and a lot of hands on work. She understands that leadership is as much of a campus responsibility as it is a global perspective. Leadership many times is defined by the number of accomplishments achieved, but could better be defined by the character of the individual.

She is a Political Science major with a minor in Chicano-Latino Studies graduating in May 2008. Her leadership roles include involvement in Americans for Informed Democracy, CCSW, Student Leadership Council and Director of the Women's Resource Center. Her personal interests include politics, outdoor activities—especially kayaking, and spending time with friends and family. She is described as an objective and upstanding person, consistently evaluating her work to ensure it is in the best interest of the UNO students.

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ANDREA BARBE | ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

UNO's Moving Company still dancing to success



The Moving Company's OEA award for "Best Local Dance Production." (COURTESY OF THE MOVING COMPANY)

J.L. HOTOVY
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When modern dance exploded the scene in the early 20th century, the University of Nebraska at Omaha became one of the first institutions to implement the rebellious new dance form.

UNO's The Moving Company has been performing for more than 73 years and earned the distinction of being one of the oldest modern dance organizations

in the United States.

The group, which was originally named Orchesis, began in 1935 with goals of creating new dances and restaging historical works. Since then, the Moving Company has continued to keep that tradition alive.

Others have begun to take note of the Moving Company's success as well. In January, the dance ensemble won an Omaha Entertainment and Arts Award for "Best Local Dance Production."

"We felt joyous after the win," said Josie Metal-Corbin, director for the Moving Company and UNO professor.

Kara Gillmore, a 10-year veteran dancer within the company, said that after it was announced the group had won, she ran up to Metal-Corbin and said "You Won!" Metal-Corbin responded with "No, we won."

It was the group's collaborative work on "Spared from the Storm," performed at the Joslyn Art Museum, that won them the OEA award. The dance was based off works saved from Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans Masterpieces exhibit. However, this wasn't the first time

Joslyn has asked the Moving Company to perform.

"They keep inviting us back," Metal-Corbin said. "We've had a long relationship with the Joslyn. In 1941, the Moving Company performed for the Joslyn Memorial and only two years before the 'Spared from the Storm' piece, we were asked to be a part of the 'Renaissance to Rococo' exhibit."

Their dance piece for "Spared from the Storm" took almost a semester to prepare, with practice on a weekly basis, Metal-Corbin said. Most of the works in the exhibit were paintings from the 14th century. Mary Waugh-Taylor, the Moving Company's lead instructor and assistant director, Fritha Pengelly and Metal-Corbin all helped choreograph "Spared from the Storm," along with Jeff Curtis, who re-staged two pieces for the program.

Currently, the dance ensemble has about 25 active members ranging in age from 18-to-50-year-olds. Since UNO doesn't offer dance as a major or a minor, the group is open to all university students and members of the Omaha community who have a strong love for dance.

"The Moving Company is strictly an extracurricular activity and this fact is a tribute to the members," Metal-Corbin said. "They aren't getting academic credit for it. It's all driven by personal passion."

The group has traveled around Omaha, collaborating with almost every major institution. They have worked with the Bemis Center, Holland Performing Arts Center, the Henry Doorly Zoo, ARTery, the Omaha Public Library and other academic programs within the UNO system.

"Involving the community is the hallmark of the Moving Company program," said Stephanie Kelley, a UNO alumna who has been dancing with the company for 10 years.

Along with dance, diversity and

giving back to the metro community are also two very big parts of the group. In 2001, the dance collaborative won the award for "Program of Excellence in Academic Outreach Activity" and offers different types of dancing like African, International Folk and social ballroom.

The Moving Company was even asked to perform "Tableaux Vivants," a piece featuring archival scenes of UNO from the last 100 years, on Feb. 21 as part of the UNO Centennial gala at the Qwest Center. They have also recently performed at Methodist Hospital for Heart Health Day.

Last month, the group was featured in a pictorial exhibit at the UNO Criss Library titled "A Legacy of Dancers: 1935-2008." Members of the company performed "Parson's Piece."

New member Aisha Lomax described the piece as "free movement, yet controlled" and said this production was particularly nerve-wracking, because there wasn't a stage.

The display also provided an opportunity for previous Moving Company members to express their continued support for the group and see changes made over the years.

The Moving Company continues to showcase their love of dance to Omaha and the surrounding communities. On May 15, the group will perform at South High School and in spring 2010, NETV will air a documentary on the group.

But despite the growth and recognition of the Moving Company, its members remain grateful of Metal-Corbin, their fellow performers and choreographers for their devotion to the art of dance.

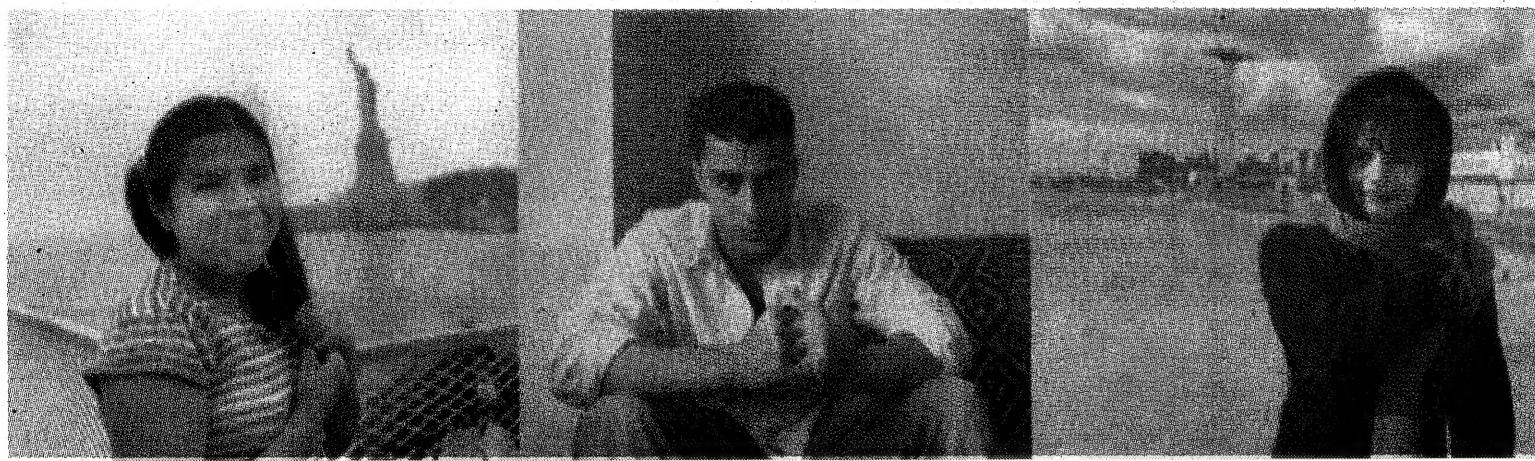
"We are all so thankful for her work and dedication to us and the Moving Company," Gilmore said of Metal-Corbin. "It keeps us where we love to be - on stage."

Entertainment Editor Andrea Barbe contributed to this report.



Professor Josie Metal-Corbin welcomes audience members at the premier of "The Moving Company: 1935-2008," a documentary chronicling the history of UNO's modern-dance group The Moving Company during an event in November. (Joe Shearer/The Gateway)

Durham hosts traveling Smithsonian exhibit on teenagers, immigration



Durham Museum's latest exhibit, "Becoming American: Teenagers and Immigration," displays several photographs of teenagers from across the globe traveling America. (COURTESY OF DURHAMMUSEUM.ORG)

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Ever since meeting teenage refugees from Kosovo in 1999, photographer Barbara Beirne became interested in how young immigrants assimilate into contemporary America. The result of Beirne's quest to document these teenagers' lives is the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit, "Becoming American: Teenagers and Immigration," which kicks off Feb. 28 at the Durham Museum.

Beirne aims to capture the experiences of first-generation immigrants through photographs of each teenager at their place of choice.

Most were photographed in their bedroom, their neighborhood or at work. Beirne then let the teens write whatever caption they wanted about coming to America.

Responses ranged from appreciative, "There is nothing I dislike about this country," to irritated, "If you can't speak English, you can't even ask for help."

At the exhibit, each teenager's writing hangs below his or her black-and-white photograph, serving as what the Smithsonian calls a "a thought-provoking exploration of immigration, acculturation and cultural diversity."

One 13-year-old girl chose to be photographed at the Statue of Liberty because it was her favorite place in America, said Shawna Forsberg, director of marketing and public relations for the Durham Museum.

The girl, Maritza Ortiz, emigrated from San Salvador, the capital city in El Salvador, with her family because they found it impossible to find a job that paid well there. Her photograph is unique due to the expression of quiet joy on her face and the Statue of Liberty rising behind her as she travels by ferry toward Ellis Island.

Of her homeland, Ortiz wrote, "When we visit San Salvador, we cannot go out at night because of the organized gangs. At night, you can hear gunshots. My family is happy and proud to live in America, the land of the free."

Not everyone's experience in their new country was as positive as Ortiz's.

Having fled Iran because his family could no longer practice their Baha'i faith, 16-year-old Sohale Mehrmanesh described his difficult time in America.

"My parents live in a country that is strange to them," Mehrmanesh wrote. "Now after the terrible events at the World Trade Center, I'm worried that we are going to have a war. I'm also afraid that all Arab people will be suspected of terrorism."

Others express feelings of loneliness, patriotism for their native country and homesickness, hoping to return home as soon as possible.

The exhibit also describes how Beirne, with her gripping photographs, strove to put a human face on immigration, an issue that can often be more about ideologies than people.

"The young people presented in this exhibit give evidence that America, the land of immigrants, continues to attract courageous newcomers seeking freedom and opportunities," Beirne said.

Others see this as a potential point of discussion in the national debate on immigration.

"It's another way to look at the issue," Forsberg said.

Some view the exhibit as a commentary on immigration, and as a testimony to an ancient hardship: growing up. Forsberg said that parents bring their children to the exhibit as a way to talk about becoming a teenager, which she admits is no easy task. Sometimes families return a second time because they learn so much, Forsberg added.

"Becoming American" has caught the attention of UNO's international students, like junior Simerti Suwal and freshman Francisco Plasencia.

Suwal, a Business Administration major, said she would love to see the exhibit, but has not have a chance yet. At the age of 19, Suwal emigrated from Nepal to attend college, but plans to return to Nepal to finish her master's degree.

Plasencia, a Business and Philosophy major from the Dominican Republic, said he enjoyed the exhibition so much he's considering seeing it again.

"I loved the way the teenagers expressed their feelings for America, why they came here and how they feel at home now," Plasencia said.

The Durham Museum, located at 801 South 10th St., is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is closed Mondays. Admission is \$7 for adults and the exhibit will be available for viewing through May 31.

UNO celebrates Nebraska Bass Day

ANDREA BARBE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The University of Nebraska at Omaha's Strauss Performing Arts Center will host Nebraska Bass Day with several events on Saturday, April 4.

Renowned double bass soloist Edgar Meyer will offer a master class at 11 a.m. that will end at 1 p.m.

Along with the Meyer's class, various other activities, including concerts, bass ensembles and bass showings will take place from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

As the day winds down, the Holland Performing Arts Center, located at 1200 Douglas St., will present two concertos at 8 p.m. with the Omaha Symphony and Meyer.

Omaha Symphony bassists Will Clifton, Bill Ritchie and Mike Swartz, along with University of Nebraska double bass professors Rusty White of Lincoln and Jeremy Baguyos of Omaha, will provide additional classes and direction for bass ensembles.



Renowned bass soloist Edgar Meyer makes an appearance at Nebraska Bass Day (COURTESY OF MYSSPACE.COM/EDGARMEYERDB)

Sponsors for Nebraska Bass Day include KC Strings, Lincoln Public Schools, UNO and the Omaha Symphony. For more information and an updated

schedule, visit <http://balancoire.tripod.com> or contact Baguyos, the Nebraska Bass Day host, at 554-3947.



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ASIAN CULTURE NIGHT

Dancers bust a move at the second annual Asian Culture Night on March 29 in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. Students of all cultural backgrounds were invited to take part in food, dance and fellowship to celebrate the Asian community.

The activities were part of the Asian Heritage Month presented by the Asian Student Association and the Student organizations and Leadership Programs.

Student Night at Film Streams

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Ruth Sokolof Theater's Film Streams, located at 1340 Webster St. in downtown Omaha, presents "Student Night" on Monday, April 6.

All full-time students can bring in their valid school IDs and receive a complimentary movie ticket to see one of two films, "Gomorrah" or "The Secret of the Grain," which are currently playing.

"Gomorrah" details five separate stories about modern-day Italian crime families and how their lives are affected by organized crime.

The film was directed by Matteo

Garrone and originally released in Italy in May 2008.

The other film available for viewing is "The Secret of the Grain," which follows an aging French immigrant as he strives to establish a successful restaurant. This movie was released in France in December 2007 and has won several film festival awards since.

Running times for "Gomorrah" are at 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. while "The Secret of the Grain" plays at 4 p.m., 6:50 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. The Peter Kiewit Foundation is a supporter for "Student Night" at Film Streams.

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NATHAN KIRKLAND

they didn't meet the attendance requirement, and they were sick as well," Kirkland said.

The debate by the Student Senate considered the difference between attendance and contribution to the organization.

Doghman said she felt she had given a lot to the organization, and the senators should forgive her missed meetings. She had

informed Speaker Luke Hoffman of her illness, said President Neal Bonacci, who criticized Kirkland for the resolution.

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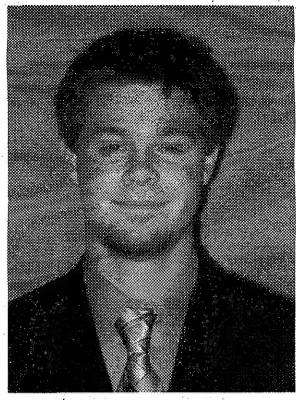
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resolutions, but just trying to impress upon the senators that attendance and following the rules would help the organization.

The resolution for impeachment of Doghman failed unanimously.

In other business, Sen. Marshal McGovern wrote letters of condolence for the late Ronald J. Bauers and June L. Mecham, both of whom passed away recently.

The Student Senate also reappointed Tangeman to executive treasurer and Matt Nelson to chief administrative officer.



LUKE HOFFMAN

News Editor Scott Stewart contributed to this report.

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